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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20544

RE: GN Docket 09-51

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13, 2009, representatives of the City of Boston held a series of meetings with the following Commissioners advisors: David Goldman; Louis Peraertz; Christi Shewman; and Jennifer Schneider. On Thursday, November 12, we also met with Jessica Strott and Andrew Nesi, staff members of the National Broadband Plan Task Force. The City was represented by Deb Socia, Principal of the Lilla Frederick Pilot Middle School, Matt Mervis, Consultant to Ms Socia on programming and technology issues, and myself.

The purpose of the meetings was to further acquaint the advisors and staff with Boston's award-winning sustainable broadband adoption program, Technology Goes Home (TGH) 2.0 which was developed by Ms Socia and Mr. Mervis and widely subscribed to by families with children at the Lilla Frederick school. TGH 2.0 was included in the National Broadband Staff's report to the full Commission on September 29, 2009. Boston expressed its hope that TGH 2.0 might be included in the final report due in February as a first rate example of a highly effective and replicable sustainable broadband adoption program. Boston used or discussed information included in the materials attached to this letter during those meetings.

We also showed the staff and advisors the netbook computer that goes home with each family graduate of TGH 2.0 for a small family co-pay. We demonstrated the "live, work, earn, learn and play" icons on the splash page that make it easy for families to obtain an array of information and resources in their neighborhoods, in the City and otherwise on the internet that will help them improve their life circumstances and come to understand how broadband adoption can benefit them and their families.

Sincerely,

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Tech Goes Home 2.0 @ The Lilla Frederick Middle School Boston, MA



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Lilla G. Frederick
Pilot Middle School



The Starting Point

Columbia Road - Dorchester, MA



The Lilla G. Frederick Middle School

Today & The Road Ahead



TGH and Extended Learning Time Works!

21st Century Learning at School and Home

Anywhere Anytime Learning

- Demonstration Site
- The Moon Shot Question
- Center of Attention



The Results Are In

- Student/Parent Engagement
- Teacher Practice
- 21st Century Skills for ALL
- Focus On Achievement



Why We Refreshed TGH



Live, Learn, Earn, Work & Play

The What...

- Parents and Children Working Together Towards a Common Goal
- Enhanced Communication and Connection for Families & Teachers
- Helping Student and Parents Achieve
- Providing 21st Century Skills and Tools for Students and Families



The How...

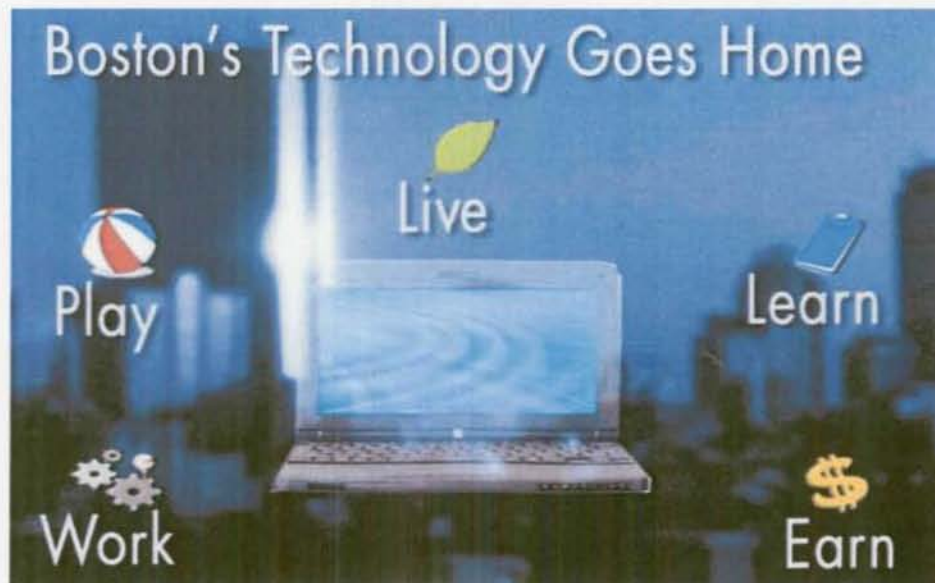
- 25 Hour Broadband Focused Program (Live, Learn, Earn, Work & Play)
- Custom Designed User Interface, Image and Access
- Cutting Edge Mobile Hardware
- Partner Providers Including Citizens Bank, City of Boston, WGBH, Google and Intel



TGH 2.0 and BTOP



The Training, The Tools & The Connection



Tech Goes Home & The National Broadband Plan



Getting to Scale in Boston, New York City & Beyond

9 Year Program History
Strong City & Partner Support
Award Winning / Broadband-Focused

Web-Based and Portable
Replicable Process/Logistics
Flexible and Adaptable Curriculum

